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**The right to conscientious objection to military
service**

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Main Concerning Issues

1. Israel's conscientious committee is under the army's control and not independent.
2. IDF's conscientious committee does not recognize selective conscientious objection.
3. Repeated imprisonment of conscientious objectors, in violation of Article 18 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and of the *ne bis in idem* principle.
4. IDF's violation of the refusers' political freedom.
5. New and rushed legislation promoted by the current government putting basic human rights in danger.

Recommendations



1. Recognise in law and practice the right to conscientious objection to military service, including objection to the violation of human rights, in accordance with international law and human rights standards;
2. Cease the repeated imprisonment of conscientious objectors. Such coercion violates both the freedom to have or to adopt a religion or belief of his/her choice and the basic legal principle ne bis in idem;
3. Ensure that the conscientious committee is fully civilian and independent from the army;
4. Guarantee the right of due process and the ability to appeal any decision to an independent civilian judicial body;
5. Ensure the independency of the judicial system, which is essential for the protection of human rights;
6. Reverse any legislation in place which does not comply with international human rights standards.

Thank you!

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